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SUBJ: BRITISH CONDITIONS FOR JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN NORTH SEA
DEVELOPMENT

1. BRITISH GOVT APPEARS TO BE USING TO FULL
ADVANTAGE JAPANESE INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN DEVELOPMENT
OF NORTH SEA OIL RESOURCES. BRITISH VICE MINISTER OF TRADE AND
INDUSTRY PETER CAREY, CONCLUDED VISIT TO JAPAN ON DECEMBER 4,
PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS TO DISCUSS EXCHANGE OF INVESTMENT
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WITH KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC
ORGANIZATIONS) OFFICIALS. ACCORDING BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE,
CAREY ASKED JAPANESE FIRMS TO A) PUSH FORWARD INVESTMENT PLANS
IN NORTHERN IRELAND, B) OPEN JAPANESE MARKET TO BRITISH
INVESTMENT, PARTICULARLY IN RETAILING; C) PROMOTE JAPAN-BRITISH
JOINT VENTURE INVESTMENTS IN THIRD COUNTRIES. IF JAPANESE CAN
GIVE EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS IN THESE FIELDS, CAREY SAID, THE UK
WOULD LOOK MORE FAVORABLE ON JOINT VENTURE BID BY JAPANESE IN
NEXT LICENSING ROUND FOR NEW (UNEXPLORED) NORTH SEA OIL
CONCESSION AREAS. BRITISH MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL

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DEVELOPMENT CHATWAY WILL VISIT JAPAN IN JANUARY TO FOLLOW

UP ON CAREY'S DISCUSSION.

2. COMMENT: BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCE NOTED THAT SUBJECT OF
OIL MENTIONED ONLY BRIEFLY DURING CAREY'S DISCUSSION.
NEEDLESS TO SAY, JAPANESE DID NOT MISS THE POINT. SHOESMITH

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